

**CITY OF COPPERAS COVE
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 16, 2002 - 7:00 P.M.**

A. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Rodney G. Nauert called the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Copperas Cove, Texas to order at 7:00 p.m.

B. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council Member Heinze gave the Invocation, and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. ROLL CALL

ALSO PRESENT

Bradi D. Diaz
Ray Don Clayton
John F. Gallen
Charlotte Heinze
Fred Harris
Bud Owsley
Annabelle Smith

Steven Alexander, City Manager
Pamela Russell, City Secretary
Jim Thompson, Interim City Attorney

D. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Council Member Smith

- Condolences to Ray Evans, former City Council Member, and his family on the passing of Jeannie Evans. Jeannie was very active in the community, she will be missed very much.
- April 18th is the Taste of Cove at the Civic Center, entrance is \$2.00. There will be lots of local businesses offering wonderful door prizes.
- April 25th, 6:30 p.m. at the civic center there will be a seminar on benefits for veterans.

Council Member Owsley

- May 2nd is National Day of Prayer. The day will start with a rally at the High School flag pole at 7:30 a.m. At noon there will be a prayer session in the City Council Chambers, then at 7:00 pm. there will be festivities at Festers House.
- April 27th there will be a Spring Clean Up at the Exchange Sunshine Home this is a building for low income senior citizens. If you wish to help call 542-6000 let us know you are coming, we start work at 9:00 a.m. and finish at noon, then a light lunch will be served.

Council Member Harris

- The Cove House Emergency Homeless Shelter is sponsoring a golf tournament at the Hills of Cove golf course on April 27th.

- April 21st thru 27th is National Volunteer Appreciation Week.
- The Refuge Corporation is celebrating their 5th Anniversary on Thursday April 18th.
- The results of a survey conducted by the Copperas Cove Police Department reveal that 50% of all drivers on HWY 190 and W. Avenue B. are exceeding the speed limit. Applause to the Police Department for stopping motorists that are speeding.

Council Member Heinze

- Condolences to the Evans family

Council Member Gallen

- The Friends of the Library Book Sale will be held on May 4^h at the Avenue E. School in the cafeteria.

Council Member Clayton

- Condolences to the Evans family.

Mayor Pro Tem Bradi Diaz

- My heart goes out to Ray Evans and his family, Jeannie will be missed greatly by me personally and our town.
- The April Chamber Mixer will be on April 25th at Michele's Floral and Gifts.
- The Chamber of Commerce is accepting applications for the Miss Copperas Cove until April 19th. The event will be held on April 26th & 27th at the Lea Ledger Auditorium.
- On May 30th a bus will be leaving for Austin for the presentation before the TxDot Commission to promote the Reliever Route. Point of contact is the Chamber of Commerce, call for details. We need citizens to show their support.

Mayor Nauert

- Jeannie Evans was a real worker for the Copperas Cove community, Jeannie served on the E.D.C. Board of Directors, and was past president of the Chamber of Commerce. Mayor Nauert asked for one moment of silence in memory of Jeannie, to share with her family, their grief, and loss for the City.

E. PUBLIC RECOGNITION

1. Proclamation - Day of Prayer

Mayor Nauert read the proclamation and presented it to Peggy Thompson, Peggy Thompson said she was proud to receive the Proclamation on behalf of the National Day of Prayer, and gave her thanks to the City Council.

2. Proclamation – Fair Housing Month

Mayor Nauert read the proclamation and presented it to Council Member, Annabelle Smith, CTCOG Executive Committee Member Representative. Council Member Smith said the proclamation will help all the counties in CTCOG band together to secure Housing funding for their communities.

3. Employee Retirement - James Stiles, Street Department

Mayor Nauert presented James Stiles with a framed artwork, and thanked him for his years of hard work for the City.

4 Presentation of Boy's and Girl's Club Board Members. **Guy N. Orr, Executive Director of Boy's and Girl's Club, Coryell County**

Mr. Guy Orr gave thanks to the Mayor and City Council for their support of the Boys and Girls Club of Coryell County. Mr. Orr introduced the members of his staff, and recognized the volunteers. Mr. Orr expressed appreciation for all the support he has received from the community.

F. CITIZEN'S FORUM citizens are allowed to speak on any matter other than personnel matters, matters under litigation, or matters on the regular agenda, for a length of time not to exceed five minutes per person. Thirty minutes total has been allotted for this section.

Diane Steel, 905 N. 4th Street. Said she had been in with contact with TNRCC concerning the soil testing of land at the cemetery. Ms. Steel said a representative from TNRCC would be here by Friday, and that the safety of the children is paramount.

Hilda Hilton, 1006 Creek Street. Thank you to the City Council for your patience for listening to me, the audience, and the Boys and Girls Club. We hope to make you proud. Also, thank you for linking us to your web site. Copperas Cove has some wonderful citizens.

Roger O'Dwyer, 1703 Highland. Requested the City Council, when the dealing with public utilities, remember the obligation they owe to the citizens for good service.

G. CONSENT ITEMS

1. Consideration and action on approval of minutes from the April 2, 2002 Regular City Council Meeting. **Pamela J. Russell, City Secretary**

2. Consideration and action on authorizing the award of Bid No. 2002-08-53, 2002 Street Seal Coating Project, and authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract in the amount of \$113,542.34 with Big Tex Paving, Inc. **Paul Boyer, City Engineer**

3. Consideration and action on authorizing the award of Bid No. 2002-09-53, 2002 Street HMAC Overlay Project, and authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract in the amount of \$84,169.75 with Odell Geer Construction Co., Inc. **Paul Boyer, City Engineer**

4. Consideration and action on Resolution No. 2002-11 supporting establishment of a State Veteran's Cemetery. **Steven J. Alexander, City Manager**

Council Member Gallen made a motion to approve consent items 1, 2, 3, and 4. Council Member Clayton seconded the motion, and with a unanimous vote, motion carried.

H. PUBLIC HEARINGS/ACTION

1a. Public Hearing on approval of the Final Plat of Wells Ranch, Phase Three Subdivision. **Wayne Herrington, City Planner**

Speaking For: Wayne Herrington, City Planner
Jack Purcell, 1375 West Avenue D., Copperas Cove.

Speaking Against: None.

1b. Consideration and action on approval of the Final Plat of Wells Ranch, Phase Three Subdivision. **Wayne Herrington, City Planner**

Council Member Owsley made a motion to approve the item as presented. Council Member Harris seconded the motion, and with a unanimous vote, motion carried.

2a. Public Hearing on a request for release of a ten-foot utility easement at 611 Mesquite Circle. **Wayne Herrington, City Planner**

Speaking For: Wayne Herrington, City Planner
Mr. Connolly, 611 Mesquite, Copperas Cove.

Speaking Against: None.

2b. Consideration and action on a request for release of a ten-foot utility easement at 611 Mesquite Circle. **Wayne Herrington, City Planner**

Council Member Harris made a motion to approve the item as presented. Council Member Gallen seconded the motion, and with a unanimous vote, motion carried.

I. ACTION ITEMS

1. Consideration and action on authorizing the City Manager to extend the Agreement with the Boys and Girls Club of Coryell County, Inc. approved on February 5, 2002, for the lease and development of City owned property. **Steven J. Alexander, City Manager**

Council Member Harris made a motion to approve the item as presented. Council Member Gallen seconded the motion, and with a unanimous vote, motion carried.

2. Consideration and action on authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement for professional services between the City of Copperas Cove and Allen D. Place Jr. **James R. Thompson, Interim City Attorney**

Council Member Owsley made a motion to approve the item as presented. Council Member Clayton seconded the motion, and with a unanimous vote, motion carried.

J. STAFF REPORTS

1. Financial Report for month ended February 28, 2002. ***Christine Julius, Interim Director of Finance***

Christine Julius, Interim Director of Finance gave the Financial Report for the month ended February 28, 2002.

K. REPORTS OF ADVISORY COMMITTEES AND BOARDS

L. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

- Council Member Harris – City Employee Pay Structure
- Council Member Heinze – Golf Course Update
- Mayor Pro Tem Diaz – Strategic Plan Committee

Mayor Nauert adjourned the regular session of the meeting at 8:04 p.m.

M. EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. Pursuant to §551.071 of the Open Meetings Act. *Tex. Gov't Code*, Council will meet in Executive Session to consult and seek the advice of its attorney concerning:
 - a. The expiration of the franchise agreement with Time Warner Entertainment-Advance/Newhouse Partnership.

2. Pursuant to §551.074 of the Open Meetings Act. *Tex. Gov't Code*, Council will meet in Executive Session to discuss the hiring of a City Attorney.

N. RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION FOR POSSIBLE ACTION RESULTING FROM ANY ITEMS POSTED AND LEGALLY DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Nauert reopened the regular session of the meeting at 8:50 p.m.

Mayor Nauert announced that items Executive Session items M1, and M2 were for information purposes only, and no action would be taken.

O. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:51 p.m.

Rodney G. Nauert, Mayor

ATTEST:

Pamela J. Russell, TRMC, City Secretary